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Jayne:

We support your efforts to bring California agricultural deliveries within 3.85 million acre-feet (maf). We believe, however, that any ultimate use beyond 3.85 maf must only be an "inadvertent" overrun as allowed by the Interim Surplus Criteria. In order to maintain that principle, the last sentence of the third paragraph on page 1 must be terminated after the word "year" in the next-to-the-last line. Can the Secretary "admit" that quantities beyond 3.85 maf are being scheduled and approved for delivery in light of current reservoir conditions in Lake Mead?

Paragraph 3 (page 2), line 4 contains language regarding the impact of flood control releases. If flood control releases are made, it is appropriate to eliminate overuse compensation, but only to the extent that such flood control releases exceed the overuse obligations.

These comments also reflect the concerns of Colorado Commissioner Scott Balcomb.

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